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DATE : July 29, 2003

SUBJECT : **U.S. Application S.N. 09/403,689**
Inventor: Bernd KOWALSKI Group: 2132
Attorney Ref.: 2345/97

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Dear Examiner Stulberger:

In light of the three months response period, we are filing today via First Class Mail a Response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2003 for the above-referenced matter.

Attached hereto is a courtesy copy of the Response for your information.

Regards,
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Linda M. Shudy

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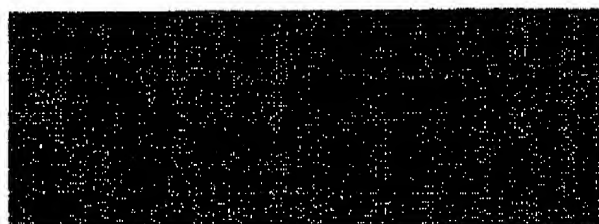
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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

SIR:

Please find a Response, filed in response to an Office Action dated April 29, 2003 (the three-month shortened statutory date being July 29, 2003), transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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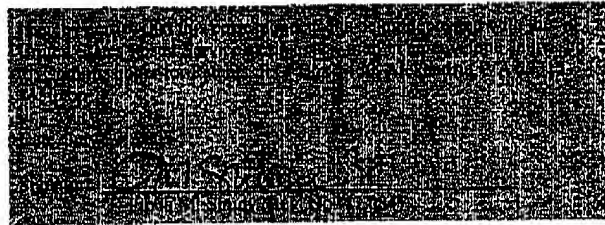
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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action having mailing date of April 29, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

REMARKS

Claims 8 to 18 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this Response.

Applicants note that the Office Action refers to rejecting and/or objecting claims 1 to 7. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 to 7 were cancelled by Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed on October 22, 1999. Applicants' Preliminary Amendment submitted new claims 8 to 18 which are now pending in the above-identified application. A copy of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto.

Since all objections and/or rejections in the current Office Action are with regards to cancelled claims 1 to 7, Applicants' Attorney Linda M. Shudy (Reg. No. 47,084) telephoned the Examiner regarding this case on July 29, 2003. However, given the timing, this Response